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VIA ECFS

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Federal Communications Commission
Room 8-B201
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

Re: In the Matter of *The United States Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Petition for Permanent Reassignment of Three Toll Free Suicide Prevention Hotline Numbers, in Toll Free Service Access Codes*, CC Docket No. 95-155, CC Docket No. 07-271

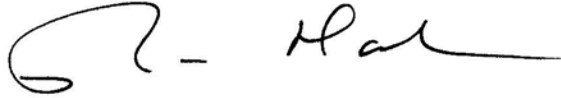
The United States Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) writes to update the record with respect to certain statements made by the Kristin Brooks Hope Center (KBHC) in their letter dated November 12, 2008. In that letter, KBHC states that KBHC and SAMHSA "are engaged in ongoing discussions that may result in the settlement of the dispute." KBHC also states that "any precipitous action by the Commission may disrupt these negotiations."

SAMHSA wishes to advise the Commission that contrary to KBHC's written statements in that letter, to the best of our knowledge, neither SAMHSA staff, nor attorneys in the HHS Office of General Counsel, are engaged in "ongoing discussions" with KBHC, nor have settlement discussions taken place in nearly two years.

We note that the November 12, 2008 letter from KBHC was posted on the ECFC docket on the morning of November 13, 2008. On November 13, 2008 at approximately 3:00pm, our office e-mailed KBHC's attorneys to request clarification of the above statements regarding SAMHSA. As of this writing (November 14, 2008 at approximately 3:00pm), we have not received a response.

Therefore, SAMHSA reiterates its request for permanent reassignment of the three suicide prevention hotlines: 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433), 1-877-SUICIDA (1-877-784-2432), and 1-888-SUICIDE (1-888-784-2433), according to a schedule that the Commission deems appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rina Hakimian', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rina Hakimian
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